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**Subject:** Re: complaint

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Mr. Sullivan,

I hope this message finds you well. As for the need to file a complaint with the OIG concerning the bark from OU5, it is your groups prerogative to take that action. The OIG would address the complaint as with any other complaint received. I am aware of the issue surrounding the bark from OU5 and the questions your group has raised, since I am copied on most, if not all emails sent concerning the EPA actions in Libby. You asked for my input as to what course of action your group should take in this matter, I would suggest that your group continue to work EPA Region 8 in addressing these issues. You and I know that these problems are not simple ones, answers to questions may not come as quickly as one might hope, but the dialogue must continue. I will continue to look into matters that involve the Libby area and the Kootenai Valley, and will address all complaints sent to the EPA OIG, but again, I would hope that EPA Region 8 be given the chance to answer your questions first. It is a pleasure to hear from you, but if you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks again.

Sean

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Sean,

Our group has asked EPA rapidly over the last few weeks to identify where the bark from OU5 was shipped as well as how much was shipped and what they intend to do about it. We have had no reasonable response on an issue we believe is a real threat to public health and safety as well as a waste of federal money with regard to the contamination of Libby. We are considering filing a special complaint on this issue, please advise.

Gordon Sullivan